

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the section entitled CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS, starting at page 1 line 7 and continuing through line 25, with the following amended paragraphs:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This Application is related to the following Applications:

“Cross-Bar Switch Supporting Implicit Multicast Addressing,” by Nazar Zaidi, Mark Bryers, and Abbas Rashid, ~~Attorney Docket No. NEXSI-01221US0~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/036,603, filed the same day as the present application; and

“Cross-Bar Switch Incorporating A Sink Port With Retry Capability,” by Mark Bryers, Abbas Rashid, and Nazar Zaidi, ~~Attorney Docket No. NEXSI-01223US0~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/036,762, filed the same day as the present application; and

“Cross-Bar Switching Employing A Multiple Entry Point FIFO,” by Abbas Rashid and Nazar Zaidi, ~~Attorney Docket No. NEXSI-01224US0~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/036,622, filed the same day as the present application; and

“Cross-Bar Switch With Bandwidth Allocation,” by Mark Bryers, Fred Gruner, Abbas Rashid, and Nazar Zaidi, ~~Attorney Docket No. NEXSI-01225US0~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/036,575, filed the same day as the present application; and

“Cross-Bar Switch With Sink Port Accepting Multiple Packets,” by Abbas Rashid, Mark Bryers, and Nazar Zaidi, ~~Attorney Docket No. NEXSI-01226US0~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/037,144, filed the same day as the present application.

Each of these related Applications ~~is~~are incorporated herein by reference.